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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

REF.: LAGOS 6050, STATE 134073, STATE 120792, LAGOS 5408

1. HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE FOR SIX DOUBLES AND THREE SINGLES. DENEND AND PORTER LEAVING GROUP IN NAIROBI TO RETURN HOME.
2. DIRECTOR BRUCE HASENKAMP SAID GROUP OPTS FOR BENIN-WARRI TRIP. TWA ASKED TO BOOK GROUP ON NIGERIAN AIRWAYS AS PART OF GRAND MASTER TICKET. OUR INFO SHOWS THURSDAY LAGOS-BENIN FLIGHT AS NIGERIAN AIRWAYS 120, LEAVING LAGOS 1030, ARRIVING BENIN 1130. RETURN FLIGHT FRIDAY IS NIGERIAN AIRWAYS 143, LEAVING BENIN AT 1410, ARRIVING LAGOS 1450. PLEASE CHECK AND CONFIRM.
3. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR GARBA, IN MEETING WITH FELLOWS, SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH HENRY SAJEMIROKUN OF HENRY STEPHENS GROUP; BABA GUNDE JOSE, CHAIRMAN OF DAILY TIMES OF NVGERIA, AND OFFICIALS OF LAGOS OR NIGERIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. GARBA BEING ASKED TO HELP WITH APPOINTMENTS WITH TOP OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHIEF OF STATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER.
4. FELLOWS INTERESTED IN MEETING OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN

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PLANNING NIGERIAN ECONOMY, DECISION-MAKERS WHO CAN GIVE THEM

INSIGHT IN DIRECTION NIGERIA GOING ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY, POLITICALLY AND HOW IT PLANS TO USE OIL REVENUES. IN MEETINGS WITH OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS AND NIGERIAN ENERGY SPECIALIST, FELLOWS NOT INTERESTED IN DRILLING SITES AND PRODUCTION, BUT IN POLICIES AND ISSUES. THEY DO NOT WANT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS OR LENGTHY PRESENTATIONS. BUT PREFER Q & A SESSIONS, WHERE THEY CAN GET INFORMATION ON WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN INTERACT WITH NIGERIANS, CONTRACTS, LABOR RELATIONS, AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH.

5. IF OUR FLIGHT INFO CORRECT, BENIN PROGRAM NEEDS ALTERING TO REFLECT LATER ARRIVAL. TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAPELE ACCEPTED BY FELLOWS. FELLOWS ANXIOUS TO OVERNIGHT IN WARRI TO GET FEEL OF "REAL FRONTIER OIL BOOM-TOWN" BUT SINCE THEY HAVE SEEN OIL FIELDS AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ELSEWHERE THIS IS NOT MAIN INTEREST THERE. WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE WARRI EARLIER FRIDAY TO SPEND MORE TIME IN CULTURAL PURSUITS IN BENIN.

6. DINNER IN HOMES OF MISSION OFFICERS FRIDAY EVENING APPEALS TO FELLOWS WHO WANT TO SAMPLE NIGERIAN CUISINE. IN ARRANGING PROGRAM, DO NOT SCHEDULE MEETINGS ALL DAY, VARY PACE WITH FREE TIME FOR SHOPPING OR RELAXATION OR FOR ORGANIZED CITY TOUR OR INDIVIDUAL SIGHTSEEING. RESERVE TIME IN LAGOS THAT IS COMPLETELY UNPLANNED, SUCH AS FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING RETURN FROM BENIN.

7. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN FELLOWS MEET MAJOR PERSONALITIES.

8. FELLOWS AND STAFF VERY APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY EFFORTS TO WORK OUT USEFUL AND REWARDING STAY IN NIGERIA. INGERSOLL

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